

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
June 2, 2016

Board Members Present: Peggy Quint, Charles Bogle, Roger Aukema, Steve Lasswell, and Randy Wilhelm after his appointment during the meeting.

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: George Medaris, District Manager; Dave Schneider, CORC; Herdis Sobel, Office Manager

Visitors Present: Randy Wilhelm, Tyler Harpel (SGM), Greg Smith.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Peggy Quint.

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes for May 5, 2016 Regular Board Meeting:

Steve Lasswell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Roger Aukema seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Financial Report/Check Approval:

Charles Bogle made a motion to approve the financials and bills paid, and Steve Lasswell seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Additions to the Agenda for the Next Meeting:

2015 Audit presentation

SGM progress report

Public Input:

None

Old Business:

Discussion of abandoned taps

George Medaris told the Board that once the new delinquent procedures are developed and approved, this issue will go away.

## New Business:

### Board of Director Vacancy

Peggy Quint announced that the Board needed to fill the vacancy caused by Trinity Huffman's resignation last meeting. She introduced Randy Wilhelm, who stated his interest in a response to the public notice in the local newspapers. Randy Wilhelm has served on the Board on two previous occasions, and would like the opportunity to serve again. Peggy called for a motion to appoint Randy Wilhelm to serve out the remainder of the term for that Board position; which will go to election in 2018. Roger Aukema made the motion, Charles Bogle seconded, motion passed 4-0. Randy was given a Board packet and invited to sit at the Board table.

### SGM Presentation – Further Discussion of Groundwater Discharge vs. Surface Water Discharge & Status of USDA/RUS Grant Application

Mr. Medaris told the Board that he tried to contact the USDA/RD and was told that they were on a conference call and would contact him when they were done. They did not. Since there is still no word on the USDA/RD grant application, He has decided RM should continue to move ahead with the wastewater project. The new revised compliance schedule will be ready to be submitted to the State by the requested date of June 3, 2016, if the Board approves.

Tyler Harpel did a presentation on the wastewater effluent disposal options. His PowerPoint presentation will be included with the permanent meeting records, and all comparisons can be viewed there.

The first part of this decision is the method of disposal, either ground water (the present method) or surface water (discharge into Grape Creek). Tyler went over the States PEL (Preliminary Effluent Limits) for both.

The second part of this decision is the cost. The following cost estimates are only for the setup and infrastructure required to deal with the effluent discharge. Any treatment or plant modification will be an additional expense in both scenarios. According to Tyler's estimates the surface water discharge infrastructure would be about \$150,000. The ground water discharge is more complicated because of the different types of soil located at the land application site. A geotech investigation done on two test pits at the 40-acre property revealed very different types of soil and therefore would require different modifications. Based on the two very different LTAR numbers (Long Term Acceptance Rate) of the test pits, cost estimates to continue using the ground water disposal with greatly varying soils would be

between \$900,000 and 2.6 Million. These varying soil conditions may be partially to blame for some of the problems the District has been having with the site

After reviewing SGM's presentation options the Board, wanting to be good stewards of the public's money, said they would lean toward going with the least expensive choice. Knowing there are other considerations, they decided to setup a public meeting for the third week in July. Public input is very important in this decision process; not only for their opinion, but for what the public is willing to pay for. Whichever disposal method is chosen, there will be the costs associated with getting the effluent in compliance. The USDA/RD will also have influence over the project as they will only fund affordable treatment upgrades and low, life cycle, operating costs.

The Board will continue to review the progress of this wastewater project to determine what is best for the community.

Roger Aukema made a motion to accept the engineers recommended response to the compliance schedule. Steve Lasswell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Approve Resolution 2016-9, affirming District Manager's decision to sign Auditing Engagement Letter

Charles Bogle made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-9. Roger Aukema seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Gary Hart request to waive sewer fee

Manager Medaris explained to the Board that Mr. Hart has two houses and is only living in one, but has been watering trees at the other property. He is requesting that the sewer fees for the vacant house be waived for three months. The District has had a long standing policy of charging monthly fees for water and sewer regardless of the property being vacant or not. The district must maintain the system despite the amount of usage. Additionally, there is no way for the District to monitor the occupancy of properties fairly and economically. Peggy Quint made a motion to stay with policy and deny the request. Charles Bogle seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Request to Purchase 1¼ inch Meter – Meter Size is Unavailable

It was determined that the "tap" could be a 1¼ while the meter would be a 1½. This was just a discussion item.

Delinquent Account Policy – Recommended Changes

George presented the Board with a rough draft of the revised delinquent account policy. Discussion followed. George collected information from the Board to aid him in updating the policy.

#### District Manager Report

George gave the Board a memo from the UAWCD regarding a request for funds for Phase 2 of the Upper Arkansas Groundwater & Surface-Water Interaction and Potential for Underground Water Storage. Round Mountain participated in Phase 1, that focused on the Buena Vista – Salida Basin, and that report is available in RM's dropbox. Phase 2 will specifically focus on the Wet Mountain Valley watershed. George thinks there are huge potential benefits for the District to be part of this study. A seat at the table is certainly worth the \$3,000.00 requested. The Board, by consensus, asked George to move forward with this project.

#### CORC Report

Dave Schneider went over his CORC report; reporting on projects completed and ones coming up. His CORC report is on permanent file.

#### Delinquent Accounts

The Delinquent Account Report was presented to the Board. The report is on permanent file.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Herdis Sobel